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House Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
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Senate No. SJR0058  
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A RESOLUTION relative to the utilization of home and  
community-based long-term care services as an  
alternative to nursing home care.

WHEREAS, the projected increase in the elderly population and the fact that more  
Americans are living longer with chronic disabilities has generated considerable interest in  
finding a better way to provide long-term care; and

WHEREAS, the need for a comprehensive and coordinated long-term care system,  
integrated with the delivery of medical care, is one of the most serious issues facing our society;  
and

WHEREAS, the purpose of long-term care services is to enable older people to live in  
their own homes and remain independent as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, long-term care can be a major expense for many older people and their  
families; and

WHEREAS, the state carries a substantial responsibility for long-term care by  
administering federal and state funds appropriated for the TennCare and Medicaid programs  
and by regulating nursing homes and home health agencies; and

WHEREAS, thirty percent (30%) of the TennCare budget currently pays for nursing facility care; and

WHEREAS, many elderly individuals have functional limitations and/or cognitive impairments, yet they are not so disabled that they require nursing home care; and

WHEREAS, home and community-based long-term care and adult day care generally provide elderly individuals assistance with the activities of daily living and allow them to remain in their homes, thus providing an option to nursing home care; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly directs the Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Health to study jointly the feasibility of increasing the utilization of home and community-based long-term care services as viable alternatives to nursing home care in the TennCare and Medicaid programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Health shall jointly report their findings and recommendations relative to such study to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration and to the Commissioner of Health.

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